

441—101.4(218) Mail and packages.

101.4(1) Outgoing or incoming letters or packages shall not be opened, read, censored, or tampered with in any manner, except that institutional staff, in order to search for and seize contraband, may open, but not read, incoming mail or packages in the presence of the resident to whom the mail is directed or require that the resident open the letter or package in the staff's presence and disclose the contents.

101.4(2) Letters or packages found to contain contraband may be withheld, but both the sender and the intended receiver of the withheld mail shall be notified and given reasons for the action in writing within 48 hours of the action.

101.4(3) When correspondence between a resident and another person is not considered to be in the best interest of and detrimental to the treatment plan of the resident, the superintendent or designee may terminate that correspondence. Just cause shall be shown and written notice provided to both correspondents.

101.4(4) When correspondence has been terminated as described in 101.4(3), either of the correspondents may request a review of the termination at any time.

101.4(5) Terminations under 101.4(3) shall be based on individual cases and not on groups or agencies.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 218.4.